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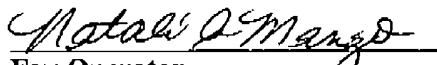
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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 31, 2003,
Applicants would like to make the following remarks under the
provisions of 37 CFR 1.116:

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 15, 2-4, 6 and 9-11 under 35
U.S.C.102(e) as anticipated by O'Flynn et al. is considered to lack
merit.

The O'Flynn et al. patent is not considered to teach, or even
suggest, the filter defined by even Claim 15, the most generic
Claim.

Unlike the filter defined by Claim 15, the filter of the
O'Flynn et al. patent is not provided with a scale collector that

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